

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the first paragraph on page 1, after "Related Applications" and insert the following:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/677,905, entitled "PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A BRAIDED BIFURCATED STENT," which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/494,980, entitled "BRAIDED STENT HAVING TAPERED FILAMENTS" (issued as 6,325,822, on December 4, 2001) and 09/494,704, entitled "BRAIDED BRANCHING STENT, METHOD FOR TREATING A LUMEN THEREWITH, AND PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF" (issued as 6,398,807 B1, on June 4, 2002), both of which were filed on January 31, 2000.